## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of ROGER P. EKINS and FREDERICK WOODNAM CHU Serial No. Not yet assigned Filed: Concurrently For: BINDING ASSAY EMPLOYING ) LABELLED REAGENT

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2";

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 11, line 1, delete "or claim 10";

Claim 12, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 13, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;